

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to cancel claims covered in related applications and to remove multiple dependencies.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mark-up of Claims

12. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a rigid internal gear according to [any of Claims 8 to 11] Claim 8, wherein an inner circumferential surface of the main gear ring is tapered,

an outer circumferential surface of the tooth-forming ring is tapered so that the tooth-forming ring can be pressed into the tapered inner circumferential surface of the main gear ring, and

the tooth-forming ring is pressed onto the inner circumferential surface of the main gear ring and the tooth-forming ring and main gear ring are diffusion-bonded together.

13. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a rigid internal gear according to [any of Claims 8 to 12] Claim 8, wherein a gear cutting process for forming the internal teeth on the tooth-forming ring is performed after the tooth-forming ring has been joined to the main gear ring to form a single body.

14. (Amended) A rigid internal gear of a wave gear device manufactured by a method of manufacturing according to [any of Claims 8 to 13] Claim 8.